



LOCAL WOMAN HONORED . . . Mrs. Belva Brase, second from left, 2435 Border Ave., was presented an Award of Merit Plaque by the Los Angeles County Heart Assn. for her outstanding work during the recent campaign. Presenting the plaque is Mrs. Ward Brannon, 2553 Via La Selva, Palos Verdes and looking on, at the right, are Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ballew of Stockton. Mr. Ballew is State Past Grand Master of the Odd Fellow lodge and Mrs. Ballew is past district deputy president of the Rebekah lodge and is women's director of the Heart Fund Drive. She presented Mrs. Brase with a Heart insignia pin as a token of appreciation. (Photo Arts Studio)

Exemplar Degrees Given By Beta Sigma Phi Unit

By candlelight, six Ritual of Jewels members of Beta Sigma Phi took their Exemplar degree on May 15 under the sponsorship of the South Bay Area Council.

Mrs. Lola Abrams, junior past president, read the degree and was assisted by members of Xi Zeta Lambda, Xi Zeta Chi, Rho Xi and Mu Omicron.

The six new Exemplar members were Mmes. Walt Klasno, Earl Truscott, Thomas Pendergrass, Joe Zoller and Jay Echelberger from Rho Xi and Mrs. Milton Ventres of Mu Omicron.

The refreshment table was decorated in yellow and white carried out by the yellow rose of Beta Sigma Phi.

Pouring were Mrs. Andrew Foster, president of the South Bay Council and Mrs. Gene Olson, president of Xi Zeta Chi.

Attending were Mmes. Angus Mitchell, Donald Dawson, William Swisher, F. L. McIntyre, Richard Musto, John

Wise, Bert Whited, M. McDonald, Ray Millhouse, Les Mayfield and Fran Nichols of Xi Zeta Lambda; Art Setzer, Ralph Comer, Charles Alaska, Doris Hayton, Yolanda Dominguez and Donna Franklin, Mu Omicron; Norman McLeod, Al Macho, Harold Collins, William Everson, William Hudgeons, Robert Margie, Sam Allen, Jack Morrison and Charles Pinkney, Xi Zeta Chi, and Mrs. Dav Palmer, Rho Xi.

League Benefit Dance June 30

North Torrance East Little League will sponsor a benefit "Cotton and Jeans" dance on Saturday evening June 30 at the American Legion Hall, 1109 Border Ave., Torrance.

The Seranaders will play for dancing beginning at 9 p.m. and there will be many door prizes. The public is invited to attend and tickets may be purchased at the door.

All proceeds will be used to purchase equipment for the Little League.

Dinner Party

Recent celebrants at the Pen & Quill in Manhattan Beach were Mr. and Mrs. John B. Marsh of Torrance and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hare of Palos Verdes Estates, who formed a foursome for a prime rib dinner on the occasion of Mrs. Marsh's birthday anniversary.



FASCINATING STEPS . . . Mrs. Madelyn Perry, wearing a Serbian costume, and Jury Stein demonstrate a Hungarian dance, one of the many being taught by Albert Pill to members of the South Bay Folk Dancers. The public is invited to join the group for a summer of fun.

Nurses Aides Presented Certificates

A six-week nurses aide course has been completed by ten women at the Riviera Community Hospital. The classes were held three days a week for three weeks from 9 a.m. until noon and included instruction in professional ethics, medical nomenclature, antiseptic technique, nursing arts, and obstetrics.

The trainees received their diplomas in a candlelight service at the hospital at 7 p.m. on June 15.

Receiving their nurses aide certificate and reading the Florence Nightingale oath were Mmes. E. W. Dungey, A. E. Ratslaff, H. C. Dunn, J. B. Horn, D. G. Bowen, L. MacDonald, V. P. Krauchenko, S. J. Bjornlie, and Miss W. Dunn.

Another class is scheduled to begin soon. Those wishing information may call the hospital.

At Lake Havasu

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Dean and Mr. and Mrs. William Mossman returned Thursday from a week's vacation at Lake Havasu near Parker Dam on the Colorado River.

Typhus Fever Rate Drops

By K. H. SUTHERLAND, M.D. County Health Officer

Endemic typhus fever is an acute infectious disease transmitted to man by the bites of an infested rat flea. Unless there are fleas in the environment, it is not transmitted from person to person. In the 5-year period, 1946-1950, some 36 cases with 3 deaths occurred in Los Angeles County, while in the comparable period from 1956-60 the number was reduced to 21 cases with no deaths.

One case of the disease has occurred locally so far this year, a reminder that the infection is always present (endemic) in Southern California and sporadic outbreaks are always a possibility.

THE FORM of the disease that occurs in Los Angeles County is generally mild and is usually rat-borne, although other rodents may also be infected. When the fleas are transmitted to household pets, they are usually carried into the house and become a menace to the human inhabitants. Likewise, when infected rats are permitted to infest the premises the danger of human infection is imminent.

Louse-borne or epidemic typhus fever occurs only when sanitation conditions are extremely poor and where overcrowding in living quarters is the rule. This epidemic form of the disease is found in many parts of the world including certain areas in Mexico, South America, Asia, Africa and Eastern Europe. Travellers are therefore advised to obtain inoculations against epidemic typhus fever when going to these areas. This form of typhus fever, which has killed millions of people throughout the years, has not occurred in the United States since 1917, at which time it was imported from Mexico.

THE ENDEMIC or flea-borne form of the disease that occurs in Los Angeles County is generally mild, although the condition may be serious when it occurs in elderly or debilitated individuals. The fatality rate is about two per cent.

Symptoms of illness usually appear suddenly in from 6 to 14 days after infection. High fever, chills, headache, and severe aches and pains throughout the body are commonly experienced. On the 5th or 6th day of illness, a spotted rash generally appears on the body. As a rule, the disease clears up rapidly after 2 weeks of fever, but it may result in weakness that lasts over a period of several months, thus lowering resistance to other maladies. One attack of this sickness usually confers immunity, but it may not be permanent.

VACCINE FOR endemic typhus fever, as contrasted with the vaccine for epidemic or louse-borne typhus, is still in the trial stage, but antibiotic drugs are generally most effective in treating the infection.

Measures for the control of typhus fever consist largely of rat extermination. Even though the rat population of Los Angeles County is not considered heavy, rat surveys are made periodically by health officials and rat extermination crews go into action whenever it is considered necessary.

The individual may assist in the control program by rat-proofing his home or other buildings, by storing foodstuffs and other edible materials in ratproof containers, and by keeping the premises clear of garbage and rubbish. Without such fundamental assistance, the trapping of rats is of little use in the control of this or any other rat-borne disease.

P T A ACTIVITIES

Gateway

In harmony with the gay holiday table decorations, Mrs. Phil H. Jackson, hospitality bureau manager of Los Angeles Tenth District California Congress of Parents and Teachers, used a carefree "picnic" theme as she installed the officers of Gateway who will assume their duties on July 1.

Installed with Mrs. Wesley Lee, president, were Mmes. David P. Goolsby, first vice president; Gordon T. Lewis, second vice president; Richard C. Crowell, secretary; Lee Speirs, treasurer; Sam Van Horn, auditor; Jack Kenyon, historian and E. N. Peterson, parliamentarian.

The newly-elected presidents of the local associations were also installed and included Mmes. E. Gambrell Croom, Banning High; Freddie Doolin, Dana Jr. High; Don Elliott, Dodson Jr. High; Albert Dudley, Fleming Jr. High; William Byrd, Gardena High; John Conshafter, Narbonne High; Jesse Guillen, Peary Jr. High; Preston Sharp, San Pedro High; George Erickson, S. M. White, Jr. and J. O. Gayer, Wilmington Jr.

Another highlight of the meeting presided over by retiring president, Mrs. John Blackmon, was the presentation of an Honorary Life Membership to Mrs. Harry Phillips of San Pedro in recognition of her community service and church work among young people.

Mrs. George D. Weeks presented Mrs. Blackmon with a gift from her council board members. It was a gold disk with PTA symbols to be attached to a gold charm bracelet previously presented by her presidents.

During the program pres-

entation, John Blackmon, son of the president, sang "Bless This House" and "The American National Hymn." Other musical numbers were offered by the mothersingers of Purche Avenue School.

Mrs. L. E. Montenegro president of Los Angeles Tenth District was among the many special guests from schools and the Tenth District.

Mrs. Harold Bond, president of San Pedro High PTA was awarded a plaque for having had the greatest number of members in attendance at the council meetings during the year.

The record book presentation was made by Mrs. Thomas Johnson and was reported to be of "convention calibre." The "calendar pin ups" theme was carried through the table decorations, as well as through a combined program and historian's report given by Mrs. Gordon T. Lewis.

Beginning with September, Fleming Jr. offered "School Days"; October was "Hallow'en" by Peary Jr.; November featuring Pilgrims and Indians from S. M. White Jr. had a "Thanksgiving" theme; December, of course, was "Christmas"; Narbonne gaily wished every one a "Happy New Year" for January; February's theme of "St. Valentine's Day" as done by Wilmington Jr. featured a life size emissary of Cupid whose target was the men folk in the audience; "St. Patrick's Day" was the March theme of Dana Jr. High; a life size Easter Bunny hopped among the tables scattering goodies as San Pedro High demonstrated "Easter" for April; Dodson Jr. High's month of May displayed the many joys of "Springtime"; June wound up the year with "Graduation" done by Banning High. The head table was decorated in red, white and blue in honor of Independence Day.

Mrs. Suggs Brown was piano accompanist for the program.

Jefferson

Jefferson PTA installed its new officers at its final meeting May 16. Installed were Mmes. Stephen Sampson, president; Paul Mowery, Gus Cochran, Charles Richardson, vice presidents; Raymond Weiler, recording secretary; James Kelly, corresponding secretary; Robert Soladay, auditor; Stephen Haston, treasurer; Mario Falcon, historian; Mr. Robert Soladay, parliamentarian.

Mrs. Stephen Sampson reported on the PTA convention held in San Francisco recently.

Mrs. Neile Ebright, chairman of the library committee reported 217 books in the library.

Mr. Marich, principal, presented the program for the evening "Music from the Tree Tops".

Refreshments were served in the cafeteria.

Folk Dancers Begin Class For Summer

South Bay Folk Dancers, sponsored by the Torrance Recreation Dept. has begun its summer program at the Valmonte school in Palos Verdes. The ten weeks series, which began Thursday evening, is open to dancers of the area who are interested in learning the simple dances of all countries.

Mrs. Helen Ball, president, and her husband, Howard, are serving as hostesses. Mrs. James Boyd, who is handling a publicity campaign to increase memberships is being assisted by Mmes. Nick Reznick, Arthur Ferry, James Stewart, John Trojan and Salvador Iorio.

Albert Pill is serving as instructor. The classes have been under way during the past six months.

On June 29, a buffet supper party has been planned and members are busy creating their own unique costumes.

BMH Student Wins Award

Paul Abegg, 22931 Hawthorne Blvd., a 1962 graduate of Bishop Montgomery High School, is this year's winner of the California Junior Classical League scholarship. The \$100 prize annually is given to the organization's outstanding member.

A four-year member of the National Latin Honor Society, Paul also participated in student control and the Sodality. He served as judge in student court during the second semester of his senior year.

In National Forensic League contests, Paul has won two gold medals and two certificates. Recently he was awarded a California State scholarship and a Bank of America certificate in foreign language.

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